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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: **Michio Ono et al.** for: SILICA SOL COMPOSITION, MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY WITH PROTON-EXCHANGE MEMBRANE, AND FUEL CELL. Enclosed are:

- ☒ **3 sheet(s) of drawing, 96 pages of application (including cover sheet)**
- ☐ Declaration.
- ☐ Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ **Preliminary Amendment.**
- ☒ **Japanese Priority Documents: Japanese Application No. 082369/2003 filed March 25, 2003, Japanese Application No. 082370/2003 filed March 25, 2003, and Japanese Application No. 432663/2003 filed December 26, 2003.**

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Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	20-20	0
Indep. Claims	1-3	0
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

\*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in col. 2.

Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 385
x\$9=	\$
x\$43=	\$
+\$145=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 770
x\$18=	\$
x\$86=	\$
+\$290=	\$
Total	\$770

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